

STOCKS FIRM AND ACTIVE. 3,000 ON THE TRAIL.

National Cordage and Sugar Features of the Trading.

Shorts Trip Up on the Rise—Affairs in Wall Street.

WALL STREET, Thursday, March 2.—About the only feature of speculation at the Stock Exchange this morning was American Sugar, which was exceedingly active and fluctuated widely enough to satisfy the most exacting trader.

The stock first dropped 2 points to 120, and then was whirled up to 124 1/2. The board was fairly active in the rise and if surface indications count for anything are likely to be made to pay dearly for their property.

The upward turn was started by the announcement that a leading house would pay 2 per cent. for the April cash dividend on American Sugar common stock. This announcement was followed by the fact that there is more than a chance that the directors will shortly declare an extra dividend in addition to the quarterly rate from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent.

The general market was firm and 1 1/2 per cent. for the month of March was more confident, because Wall Street took prompt and effective measures to allay the uneasiness felt in financial and commercial circles in regard to the export movement of gold and the silver question.

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THREE OF THE POWERS DECLINE. FAVORS FOR FEATHERED PETS.

The Others Will Send Ships to the Washington in New York Harbor.

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The Earth Protected from Injury by Erratic Meteors.

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